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SUBJECT: STUDENT FRACAS AT AEGEAN UNIVERSITY
1. ON SEPT. 6 IN FIRST INCIDENT INVOLVING SUBSTANTIAL LEVEL
OF VIOLENCE AMONG AEGEAN UNIVERSITY (AU) STUDENTS SINCE END
OF 1-76 SCHOOL YEAR, SOME 40 YOUTHS ALLEGED BE NAP-AFFLIATED
RIGHTIST STUDENTS ATTACKED UNSTATED NUMBER OF "LEFTISTS".
LATTER HAD BEEN INTERFERING SINCE SEPT. 1 WITH ATTENDANCE AT
MAKE-UP EXAMS AT AU SCIENCE FACULTY. ACCORDING PRESS,
RIGHTISTS ARRIVED AT CAMPUS ON TWO BUSES, CLAIMING TO HAVE
COME TO TAKE EXAMS. ACCORDING RELIABLE SOURCE, RIGHTISTS

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ARMED WITH PISTOLS, KNIVES AND CHAINS ENTERED TENTS OCCUPIED BY LEFTIST STUDENTS AND INITIATED FRACAS. JANDARMA COMMANDER QUOTED IN PRESS AS SAYING 10 YOUTHS INJURED, TWO SERIOUSLY, AND 19 TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

2. BACKGROUND OF CLASH BEGAN SOME THREE WEEKS AGO WHEN AUTHORITIES ORDERED DORMITORIES AT BORNOVA AU CAMPUS AREA, WHERE SCIENCE FACULTY LOCATED, VACATED FOR "MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS." VACATED DORMS REPORTEDLY DOMINATED BY "LEFTISTS", SOME OF WHOM LONG IN ARREARS IN RESIDENCE FEES AND OTHERS NO LONGER STUDENTS;

ALL THOSE AFFECTED (WHO WERE BONA FIDE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STUDENTS AND HAD PAID THEIR DORM FEES) WERE OFFERED SPACE IN

AU DORMS ON OTHER SIDE OF IZMIR, BUT A GROUP REFUSED AND ESTABLISHED A TENT VILLAGE IN BORNOVA NEAR THEIR FORMER DORMS. THESE, GENERALLY TERMED BY PRESS, FELLOW STUDENTS AND AU FACULTY AS "LEFTIST", SOUGHT DISCOURAGE ENTRY INTO SCIENCE AND NEARBY DENTISTRY FACULTIES FOR MAKE-UP EXAMS UNTIL DORMITORIES REOPENED TO THEM.

3. SCIENCE FACULTY ADMINISTRATION HAS DECIDED TO CONTINUE GIVING MAKE-UP EXAMS, BUT DENTISTRY FACULTY HAS POSTPONED ITS REMAINING MAKE-UP TESTS FOR TWO WEEKS.

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